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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35284]

S&S Shortline Leasing, LLC— Operation Exemption—City of Ely, NV and White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation

S&S Shortline Leasing, LLC (S&S), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate approximately 127.9 miles of rail line owned by the City of Ely (City) and the White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation, (Foundation), between milepost 0.0 at or near Cobre, and milepost 127.9 at or near McGill Junction, in White Pine and Elko Counties, NV.¹ S&S states that the line connects at two points with Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) (milepost 0.0 at Cobre (former Southern Pacific) and milepost 18.79 at Shafter (former Western Pacific)).²

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after August 30, 2009.

S&S certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in S&S becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and further certifies that its projected annual revenue will not exceed \$5 million.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law No. 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: Collecting, storing or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting and shredding). The term “solid waste” is defined in section 1004

¹ This segment of railroad is the remaining part of a main line consisting of approximately 156.7 miles, also owned by the City and the Foundation. Great Basin and Northern Railroad was authorized to operate over approximately 28.8 miles of the main line in *Great Basin and Northern Railroad—Change in Operators Exemption—The City of Ely and the White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation*, STB Finance Docket No. 34506 (STB served June 7, 2004). S&S seeks to operate over the remainder.

² S&S states that interchange with UP will initially take place at Shafter because the trackage used for interchange at that location is in better condition than the trackage at Cobre.

of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than August 21, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35284, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle St., Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “<http://www.stb.dot.gov>.”

Decided: August 10, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 56]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC); Working Group Activity Update

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Working Group Activities.

SUMMARY: The FRA is updating its announcement of RSAC's Working Group activities to reflect its current status.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Woolverton, RSAC Designated Federal Officer/Administrative Officer, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212; or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update FRA's last announcement of working group activities and status reports of June 19,

2009 (74 FR 29268, 11401). The 39th full RSAC Committee meeting was held June 25, 2009, and the 40th meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2009, at the Washington Marriott Hotel, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Since its first meeting in April of 1996, the RSAC has accepted 32 tasks. The status for each of the open tasks (neither completed nor terminated) is provided below:

Open Tasks

Task 96-4—Tourist and Historic Railroads. Reviewing the appropriateness of the agency's current policy regarding the applicability of existing and proposed regulations to tourist, excursion, scenic, and historic railroads. This task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. The Working Group monitored the steam locomotive regulation task. Planned future activities involve the review of other regulations for possible adaptation to the safety needs of tourist and historic railroads. *Contact:* Grady Cothen, (202) 493-6302.

Task 03-01—Passenger Safety. This task includes updating and enhancing the regulations pertaining to passenger safety, based on research and experience. This task was accepted on May 20, 2003, and a Working Group was established. Prior to embarking on substantive discussions of a specific task, the Working Group set forth in writing a specific description of the task. The Working Group reports planned activities to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. At the first meeting, held September 9-10, 2003, a consolidated list of issues was completed. At the second meeting, held November 6-7, 2003, four task groups were established: Emergency Preparedness; Mechanical; Crashworthiness; and Track I Vehicle Interaction. The task forces met and reported on activities for Working Group consideration at the third meeting held May 11-12, 2004, and a fourth meeting was held October 26-27, 2004. The Working Group met on March 21-22, 2006, and again on September 12-13, 2006, at which time the group agreed to establish a task force on General Passenger Safety. The full Passenger Safety Working Group met on April 17-18, 2007; December 11-12, 2007; November 13, 2008; and June 8, 2009. On August 5, 2009, the Working Group was requested to establish an Engineering Task Force, which would be expected to meet initially on September 23-24, 2009, to consider technical criteria and procedures for